「俺と蛙さんの異世界放浪記」第18話

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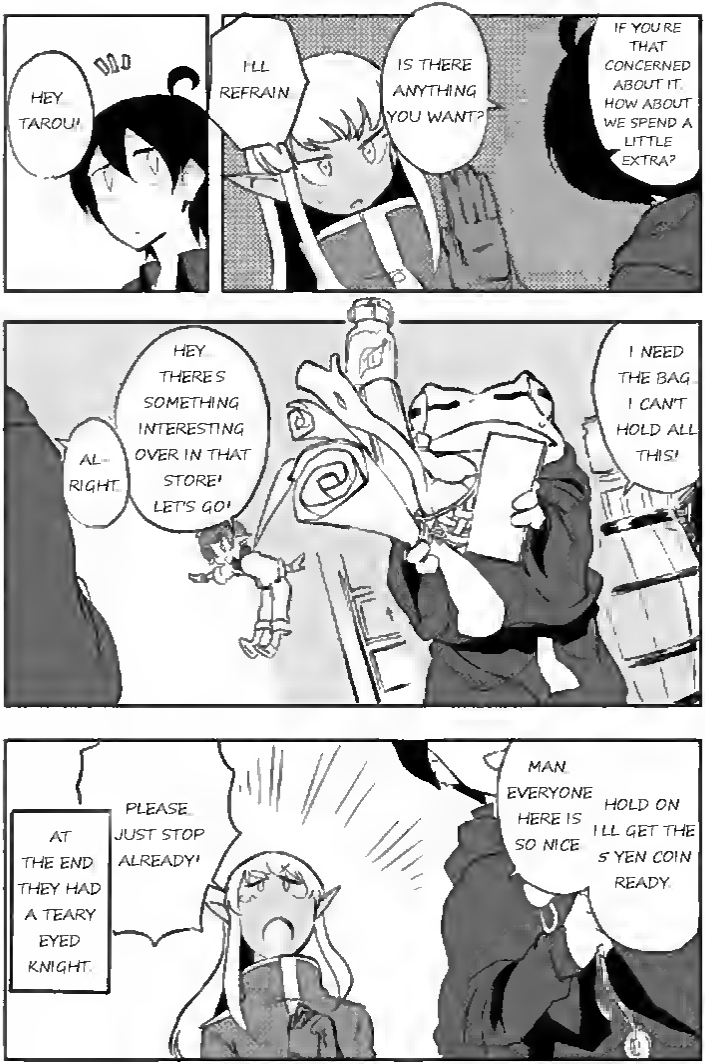
YOU'VE BROUGHT IN OTHER RACES. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
...YOU'RE A DARK ELF, AREN'T YOU? PLUS
...I HAVE NOTHING TO SELL YOU. LEAVE.
THESE PEOPLE ARE GUESTS OF THE ELDERS. SO COULD YOU PLEASE...
HM? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
HEY, MISTER.
HUH?
KNIGHT. MIND IF I TRY?

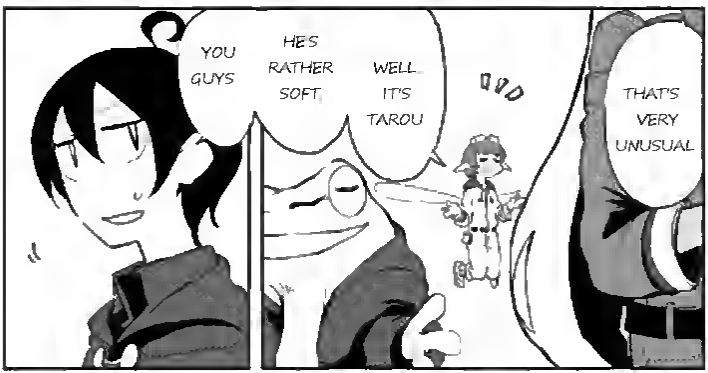
DO YOU SEE THIS?
WHAT ABOUT IT?
YOU DON'T INTEND TO SELL ANYTHING TO OUTSIDERS RIGHT?
YEAH
SO WHAT ABOUT US? WE'RE IMPOR TANT PEOPLE.
PARDON MY BEHAVIOR! PLEASE FEEL FREE
TO LOOK AT MY WARES!
THANK YOU!
W-WHAT DID YOU JUST DO?!

THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM!
DON'T WORRY WE'LL PAY HIM PROPERLY.
THE MONEY'S RIGHT HERE
DON'T DO THAT!
HM? I JUST HYPNOTIZED HIM HE THINKS WE'RE THE TOWN'S MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE AND WE'RE TRAVELING INCOGNITO
EVERYTHING'S HALF OFF!
HEY, MISTER. HOW MUCH FOR THIS?
JUST STOP.
NAH I'M FINE WITH PAYING THE NORMAL PRICE.


HEY TAROU!
I'LL REFRAIN
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT?
IF YOU'RE THAT CONCERNED ABOUT IT, HOW ABOUT WE SPEND A LITTLE EXTRA?
AL-RIGHT
HEY THERE'S SOMETHING INTERESTING OVER IN THAT STORE! LET'S GO!
I NEED THE BAG. I CAN'T HOLD ALL THIS!
AT THE END THEY HAD A TEARY EYED KNIGHT.
PLEASE JUST STOP ALREADY!
MAN EVERYONE HERE IS SO NICE
HOLD ON I'LL GET THE 5 YEN COIN READY.

I'LL RETURN TOMORROW TO TAKE YOU TO THE PARLIAMENT TOWER
YOU'LL BE STAYING HERE TONIGHT
IT'S THAT LARGE BUILDING YOU'LL MEET THE ELDERS THERE
PARLIAMENT TOWER?
OKAY...
- BUT WEREN'T YOU BOTHERED?
BY WHAT?
IT'S FINE AS LONG AS YOU ARE PLEASED.
THANKS FOR TODAY, IT WAS REALLY FUN

HM
I HEARD THAT HUMANS VIEW DARK ELVES SIMILARLY TO DEMONS.
NOT REALLY.
IN FACT, I LIKE THAT.
WELL... I'M A DARK ELF AFTER ALL.


YOU GUYS
HE'S RATHER SOFT.
WELL, IT'S TAROU
THAT'S VERY UNUSUAL

A DEMON, A FAIRY, AND HUMANS
WHO GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER.
YOU ARE ALL RATHER MYSTE RIOUS.
I JUST KINDA ENDED UP WITH THEM.
I'M JUST WITH THEM BECAUSE IT'S INTERESTING
INDEED. ALSO, I'M NOT A DEMON
REALLY? KAWAZU AND I HAVE A PRETTY DEEP CONNECTION

I BELIEVE THE FACT THAT YOU CAN ALL HAVE FUN TOGETHER MEANS YOU HAVE A GOOD RELATION SHIP
IT'S QUITE NICE
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ANYWAYS, THANKS FOR TODAY!
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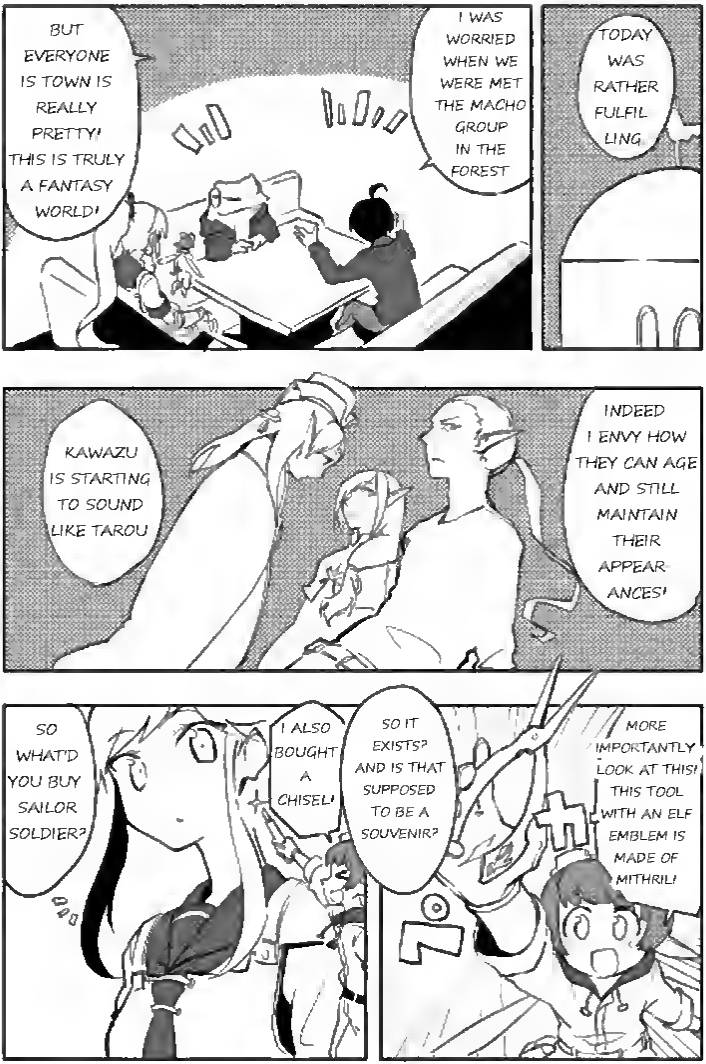
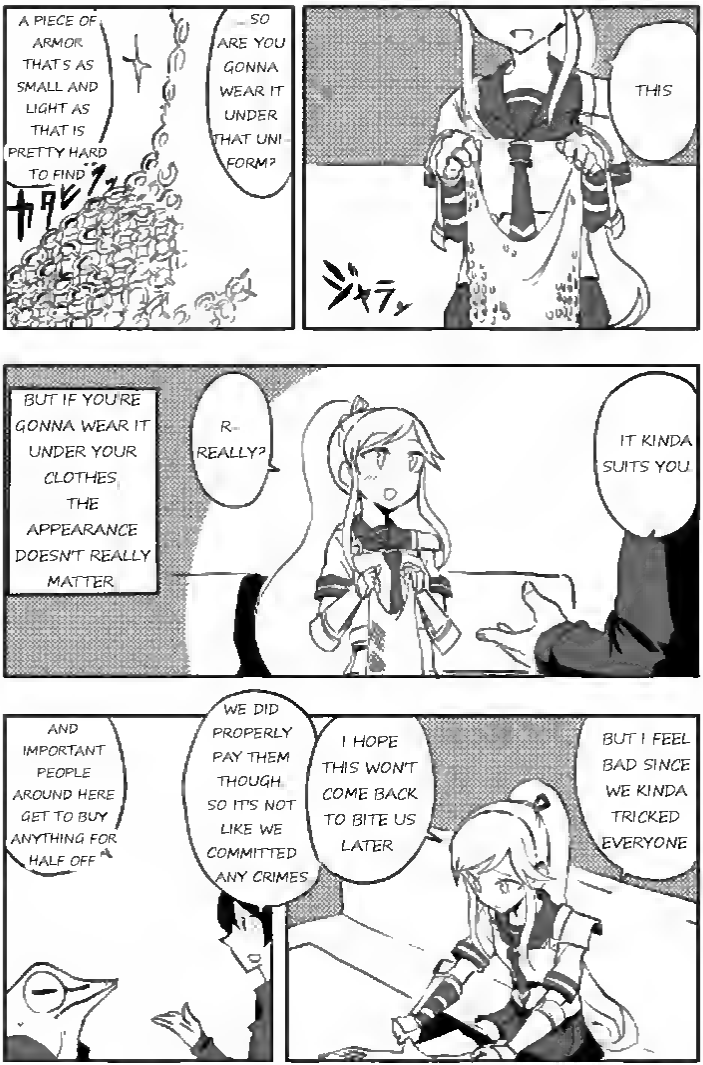
IF WE GET THE CHANCE LET'S HAVE FUN AGAIN!


BUT EVERYONE IS TOWN IS REALLY PRETTY! THIS IS TRULY A FANTASY WORLD!
I WAS WORRIED WHEN WE WERE MET THE MACHO GROUP IN THE FOREST
TODAY WAS RATHER FULFIL LING
KAWAZU IS STARTING TO SOUND LIKE TAROU
INDEED I ENVY HOW THEY CAN AGE AND STILL MAINTAIN THEIR APPEAR ANCES!
SO WHAT'D YOU BUY SAILOR SOLDIER?
I ALSO BOUGHT A CHISEL!
SO IT EXISTS? AND IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE A SOUVENIR?
MORE IMPORTANTLY LOOK AT THIS! THIS TOOL WITH AN ELF EMBLEM IS MADE OF MITHRIL!


A PIECE OF ARMOR THAT'S AS SMALL AND LIGHT AS THAT IS PRETTY HARD TO FIND
...SO ARE YOU GONNA WEAR IT UNDER THAT UNIFORM?
THIS
BUT IF YOU'RE GONNA WEAR IT UNDER YOUR CLOTHES, THE APPEARANCE DOESN'T REALLY MATTER
R-REALLY?
IT KINDA SUITS YOU
AND IMPORTANT PEOPLE AROUND HERE GET TO BUY ANYTHING FOR HALF OFF
WE DID PROPERLY PAY THEM THOUGH, SO IT'S NOT LIKE WE COMMITTED ANY CRIMES
I HOPE THIS WON'T COME BACK TO BITE US LATER
BUT I FEEL BAD SINCE WE KINDA TRICKED EVERYONE

THAT WAS PART OF IT... BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH FOR THAT KIND OF REACTION.
ISN'T THAT BECAUSE WE'RE OUTSIDERS?
BY THE WAY, DID YOU ALL NOTICE THE TOWNS... PEOPLE'S ATTITUDE?
BUT ELVES ARE ALSO INTELLIGENT AND THEIR PRIDE KNOWS NO LIMITS...
IT'S NATURAL TO AVOID SOMETHING YOU'RE AFRAID OF, RIGHT?
OF THIS MORON
THEY WERE AFRAID
IF I DIDN'T, I WOULDN'T NEED THIS
WELL... I SUPPOSE I DO HAVE SOME PROBLEMS
SO THE FACT THAT YOU'RE A HUMAN SIMPLY GUARANTEES THEY'LL ACT LIKE THAT.

I ALREADY SPEND TOO MUCH TIME LOOKING AT THE BLOG RANKINGS
...WHAT ARE YOU EVEN DOING?
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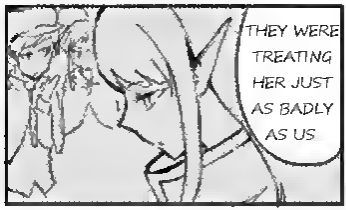
WELL, IF WE DIDN'T WANT TO CAUSE TROUBLE WE COULD'VE JUST COME STRAIGHT TO THE INN AND STAYED HERE BUT LET'S JUST FORGET ABOUT THAT
NO WAY EVEN IF YOU'RE KEEPING A TRAVEL DIARY, YOU SHOULDN'T BE JUST STAYING AT INNS ALL THE TIME

ISN'T IT JUST BECAUSE SHE'S A DARK ELF? THOUGH I DIDN'T THINK THEY WOULD BE THAT OPEN ABOUT IT.
OH THAT...

EVERY ONE TREATS KNIGHT LIKE THAT AREN'T YOU?
BY THE WAY YOU ARE AWARE OF WHY


THEY WERE TREATING HER JUST AS BADLY AS US

SO THEY VIEW DARK ELVES AS ABOMINATIONS
ELVES REALLY LOVE BEING PURE-BLOODED
I SHOULD TELL YOU THIS NOW
THE WORST POSSIBLE GUIDE IN THE ELF TOWN?
BUT DOESN'T THAT JUST MAKE KNIGHT
NOT EVERYONE CAN BE AS SIMPLE-MINDED AS YOU
BUT AREN'T DARK ELVES GREAT?
OH I GET IT NOW BUT IT'S THANKS TO THAT THAT WE GOT TO KNOW KNIGHT BETTER SO IM FINE WITH IT
THE ORIGINAL PLAN WAS JUST TO SEND US TO THE INN IMMEDIATELY IF YOU TRY READING INTO IT TOO MUCH YOU MIGHT THINK THEY'RE TRYING TO ESTABLISH A PECKING ORDER WITH THAT AND TELL US THAT SHE'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR US
US GOING SIGHTSEEING WAS PROBABLY UNEXPECTED

YEAH ON THE NECK AND ON A LEG
ALSO DID YOU NOTICE THE CURSES PLACED ON THOSE DARK ELVES?
WELL AS WE SAW TODAY WE'RE NOT REALLY WELCOME HERE
BUT UNLIKE YOU I DOUBT THEY WERE CAPTURED
IT LOOKS LIKE IT
DO YOU MEAN THEY HAVE THE SAME THINGS PLACED ON THEM AS ME?
OH WELL SPOTTED
SO DON'T DO ANY THING CARE LESSLY
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEIR REASON IS BUT IT'S PROBABLY SOMETHING THEY AGREED TO
ELVES WOULDN'T BRING DARK ELVES INTO THEIR TOWN FOR THAT

I LOOKED WITH MAGIC...
REAL-LY?
THEY MAY BE LIMITING THEM HERE WITH THOSE CURSES
WELL THEY WERE BOTH PRETTY STRONG AFTER ALL
WHAT WERE HER 3 SIZES?
ISN'T IT NICE?
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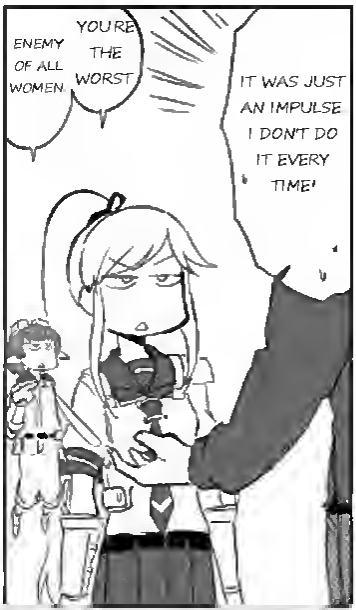
...I SEE YOU'VE GOTTEN USED TO IT.
...
I'D ONLY SEEN THOSE KIND OF NUMBERS IN GAMES BEF-
OH THEY WERE JUST... THEY SURPASSED A MIRACLE! IF ANYTHING YOU'D ONLY SEE THAT IN A DREAM!
...UH...

IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR FALLING FOR IT! AND I DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD HAVE ACTUALLY DONE THAT.
YOU SET ME UP!

I'M REALLY SORRY!


ENEMY OF ALL WOMEN.
YOU'RE THE WORST
IT WAS JUST AN IMPULSE. I DON'T DO IT EVERY TIME!

...MM
...I HAVE COMPLETELY MY ASSIGNMENT
...HOW SAD IT IS THAT WE HAVE TO BEHAVE MODESTLY BEFORE THAT SORT OF BEING
THAT MAN I WAS WITH ALL DAY HAD ENOUGH MANA TO MAKE ME SHAKE
YET HE DIDN'T SHOW ANY HOSTILITY...
YOUR JOB IS JUST TO KEEP GUIDING THEM
THE ELDERS WILL SEAL HIM THERE IS NOTHING OUR ELVEN SECRETS CANNOT DO, REGARDLESS OF THE TARGET'S MANA
...WHAT WILL WE DO ABOUT HIM?

I DIDN'T SENSE ANY HOST!
BUT IS IT REALLY NECESSARY TO DO THAT?
Y!
GOOD. AT LEAST YOU UNDERSTAND. NOW GET BACK TO WORK. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY FOR YOU TO ATONE FOR YOUR PAST.
— MY APOLOGIES.
ALL YOU LOT ARE GOOD FOR IS FOLLOWING OUR ORDERS LIKE THE DOGS YOU ARE!
YOU SEEM TO HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD SOMETHING. NO ONE WANTS TO HEAR THE OPINION OF SOME DARK ELF!

I HAD WANTED TO MEET THE PROUD BEINGS KNOWN AS ELVES.
SO I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WOULD LURE UNSUSPECTING PEOPLE INTO THEIR TOWN AND INTO A TRAP.

I KNOW THAT I NEVER BELONGED IN THIS TOWN.
BUT THERE'S SOME-THING I MUST DO.

MOTHER?
WAS THIS REALLY THE RIGHT THING TO DO